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D.T.E. 02-38

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy on its own Motion into Distributed Generation.

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### REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

On October 3, 2002, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 76, the Department directed the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, NSTAR Electric, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("Distribution Companies") to commence a collaborative process to propose, for Department approval, interconnection standards, policies, and procedures for distributed generation ("DG") that would be uniformly applicable to all Distribution Companies. Distributed Generation NOI, D.T.E 02-38-A at 3-4 (Order Establishing a Distributed Generation Forum) (2002). The Department directed the collaborative participants to provide a single joint report outlining the results of the collaborative process. Id. The Department also stated that there would be an opportunity to comment on the joint report. Id.

Consequently, the Distribution Companies, DG providers, government and quasi-governmental agencies, consumers, and public interest groups formed the Massachusetts Distributed Generation Interconnection Collaborative ("Collaborative"). On March 3, 2003, the Collaborative submitted a joint report, "Proposed Uniform Standards for Interconnecting Distributed Generation in Massachusetts" ("Joint Report"). The Collaborative also proposed that the substantive agreements in the Joint Report be codified as an interconnection standards tariff ("Interconnection Tariff") to be filed at a later date. On May 16, 2003, the Collaborative filed the Interconnection Tariff.

Copies of the Joint Report and Interconnection Tariff are on file at the Department's offices, One South Station-2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Boston, Massachusetts for public view during normal business hours. The Joint Report and Interconnection Tariff are also available on the Department's website - <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The Department invites all interested persons to file written comments on the Joint Report the Interconnection Tariff no later than June 5, 2003.

All comments exceeding 20 pages in length must contain an executive summary. One original and ten copies of all comments should be filed with Mary Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. All written comments also should be submitted to the Department in electronic format. Electronic submissions should be made using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail

attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and [william.stevens@state.ma.us](mailto:william.stevens@state.ma.us) and or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 02-38), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix), in Microsoft Word (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix), or as an Adobe PDF file (naming the document with a ".pdf" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All written pleadings or comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3620.

By Order of the Department,

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MARY L. COTTRELL, SECRETARY